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Dear Mr. Craven:

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated June 30, 2019, in which you asked to receive a copy of “*all contract details- including copies of draft and final contracts and email communication between agency and private sector stakeholder- between VA’s Strategic Acquisition Center and Joseph Swerdzewski and Associate, LLC between Jan 20, 2017 to June 30, 2019. Contract VA26117P2760 and VA26117P1088.*”

Your FOIA request was received in my office on July 8, 2019. Your FOIA request was assigned the tracking number listed at the top of this letter. Please include this tracking number in all future communications concerning this FOIA request. In addition, we have placed your request in the complex processing track. VA uses two processing tracks in addressing a request for records: simple and complex. This classification is based on the amount of work and/or time required to process a request. The complex processing track is the slower of the two tracks. If you wish to discuss modifying the scope of your request in order to qualify for the faster processing track, please feel free to contact me. My contact information is listed below.

We completed the search for records responsive to your FOIA request that were gathered or created by the VAPAHCS on or before June 30, 2019.

A preliminary review of the responsive records indicate that they may contain information that is protected from disclosure under FOIA Exemption 4, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(4). FOIA Exemption 4 protects from disclosure trade secrets and commercial or financial information that is privileged or confidential. Since portions of the requested documents potentially fall within the disclosure prohibition of FOIA Exemption 4, VA regulation 38 C.F.R. § 1.558 and Executive Order 12,600 require that we must notify the submitter of the record of this FOIA request and offer the submitter an opportunity to

object to the disclosure of the record in whole or in part and explain why the submitter believes that VHA should withhold the record.

I have enclosed a copy of the letter that is being sent to the submitter of the requested records for your information.

Should you have any questions concerning this matter please contact the VA Palo Alto FOIA group at (650) 493-5000, extensions 69244 or via email PALOALTOFOIA@va.gov

Sincerely,



Nancy Ungson
FOIA Officer

Enclosure